THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The present installed capacity of nuclear power in the country is 1230 MWe from the six units in operation. The first unit of Narora Atomic Power Project of 235 MWe has been recently synchronised to the Northern Grid. Seven 235 MWe units with an aggregate capacity of 1645 MWe are in various stages of construction at Narora, Kakrapar, Kaiga and Rawatbhatta. A decision has been taken by the Government to locate additional four 235 MWe units and six 500 MWe units. Action on advance procurement of long delivery equipment and obtaining project financial sanctions for these reactors is in progress. With this, the nuclear power capacity would increase to 7050 MWe. In addition, a decision has also been taken to set up two 1000 MWe units of VVER type in co-operation with the Soviet Union.

(b) and (c) An Inter-Governmental agreement between Soviet Union and India was signed on 20th November, 1988. The terms of reference for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) are being finalised jointly by Soviet Union and India. Detailed site investigations are continuing. Preliminary activities for land acquisition and setting up of site infrastructure are in progress. Construction work is expected to commence in 1992. The first unit is expected to be commissioned in 1998 and the second unit one year thereafter.

International Conference on Plant Biotechnology

2615. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian participated in the International Conference on Plant Biotechnology, held recently in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof including their names, qualifications and the institutions represented by them; and

(c) the authority sponsoring them and bearing their expenses and the total expenditure so incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Post of Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi

2616. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, a public health sub-cadre post under the Directorate General of Health Services, has not been filled up on regular basis for more than a year and that the present incumbent does not possess any Public Health qualifications;

(b) if so, whether concurrence of the CHS Cadre-controlling authority has been obtained to change the recruitment rules, for filling up the post by a non-public health person;

(c) whether the Union Public Service Commission has agreed to fill up the post by a person other than the non-public health person, without change in the recruitment rules; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the post in a regular capacity, by a qualified public health person?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE

ALAM): (a) to (d) The post of Director, NICD, Delhi which fell vacant on 1-1-88 is at present being looked after by the Director (Microbiology), NICD pending selection of a regular incumbent through Union Public Service Commission. The post stand included in the Supertime grade of the Public Health Specialist Sub-Cadre of the CHS. The question of throwing it open to all Specialists was considered but it has since been decided to allow it to remain in the Public Health Sub-Cadre. A meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee is being convened shortly in the Union Public Service Commission to fill up the post on regular basis.

Establishment Satellite Earth Station at Bhubaneswar

2617. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the establishment of Satellite Earth Station at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite implementation of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) An earth station at Bhubaneswar has already been established and is operational since 18-7-82.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Telecom Equipment Factories

2618. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to set up four telecom equipment factories in the country;

(b) if so, the places identified for their location;

(c) the estimated cost of each of these factories; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite implementation of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of Malaria Eradication Programme in States

2619. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Malaria Eradication Programme has not been implemented in many States due to which Malaria has not been eradicated all over the country;

(b) whether Government have identified lapses in the implementation of this programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government launched a Modified Plan of Operation in 1977 for control of Malaria. From 6.47 million cases recorded in 1976, the cases declined to 1.78 million (Provisonal) in 1988. However, there has been increase in malaria cases in some parts of the country. The increase of Malaria cases in these areas are due to Administrative, operational and Technical reasons.

Infant Mortality Rate during the Seventh Five Year Plan

2620. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimates on the infant mortality